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SUBJ: REPLY TO SOMALI AIDE MEMOIRE

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1. I RECOMMEND THAT THE MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT NIMEIRI AND
GENERAL OBASANJO IN TALKING POINT NUMBER 5 (REFTEL A) BE
CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "...THAT HE IS PREPARED TO MEET
WITH COL. MENGISTU WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS TO DISCUSS A RECON-
CILIATION OF THE HROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE LINE WITH
ETHIOPIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN RESOLUTIONS, AND TO SEEK A
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PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE OGADEN PROBLEM."

2. WITH RESPECT TO TALKING POINT NUMBER 6,
RECOMMEND THAT NO MENTION BE MADE OF OUR DESIRE TO CONSULT
WITH KENYA AND ETHIOPIA.

3. ALSO RECOMMEND THAT THE USAGE "PRESIDENT" SIAD RATHER

THAN "GENERAL" SIAD BE STRICTLY OBSERVED.

4. FINALLY, I SHOULD HOPE THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO ADDOU'S DEMARCHE COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL THE VREELAND UPS ANCHOR AUGUST 28.

5. I HAVE ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE VICE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (OMAR HAJI) TO DISCUSS THE METHOD AND TIMING OF ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE DAO REOPENING (REFTEL B). THIS WILL ENSURE THAT SIAD PERSONALLY IS INFORMED ON THE SUBJECT. I HESITATE TO PREDICT SIAD'S RESPONSE UNTIL I KNOW THE FINAL SHAPE OF OUR RESPONSE TO ADDOU. LOUGHRAN UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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